

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE LANDS DIVISION
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR TIMBER SALE
ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS IN
WALKER COUNTY, ALABAMA

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that sealed bids for the purchase and removal of timber will be received by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources until 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 20th, 2010 at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read in the office of the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources, 468 Folsom Administrative Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1901.

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED SPECIFICALLY TO THE STATE LANDS DIVISION OFFICE AT 64 NORTH UNION STREET, ROOM 464, FOLSOM ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130 (36104 IF DELIVERED BY PRIVATE COURIER) IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE "SEALED BID FOR TIMBER SALE, WALKER COUNTY BARRON CREEK TRACT, NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL APRIL 20, 2010 AT 3:00 P.M." NO BID SHALL BE RECEIVED FOR ANY REASON ANY TIME AFTER THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE. IT SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BIDDER TO ENSURE ACTUAL RECEIPT OF THE BID BY THE STATE LANDS DIVISION PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED DEADLINE.

The timber made the subject of this notice is located on the following described lands:

Walker County, Alabama, Township 13 South, Range 10 West; Section 19 the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter and Section 30 the West half of the Northeast quarter and the Northwest quarter containing 68 acres more or less to be clear cut.

VOLUMES: The estimated timber volumes are as follows:

Pine Sawtimber	1,009 TONS
Pine Pulpwood	464 TONS
Hardwood Sawtimber	311 TONS
Hardwood Pulpwood	2,687 TONS

Volumes are not guaranteed and all bidders must satisfy themselves as to the accuracy of estimated quantity.

TIMBER: The timber to be sold is all trees within the sale area. The external boundaries of the sale area are marked with yellow paint. Stream side management zones are marked with blue paint and blue flagging. **No trees within the stream side management zones are to be cut.**

TERMS OF SALE: Bids submitted must state the total amount of the cash bid for a 12-month contract. Each bid submitted must be accompanied by a **CERTIFIED or CASHIER'S** check representing a bid deposit in the amount of \$10,000.00. Bids submitted without such check will not be considered. Certain landowner assistance is required **in addition** to the payment of the bid price.

Unsuccessful bidder's deposits will be returned promptly. The successful bidder's deposit will be applied toward the purchase price, the balance of which must be paid at the time of execution of the timber sale agreement.

LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE: The successful bidder will be obligated to perform the following work as additional contract consideration:

1. At the completion of the harvesting operation contractor shall remove any obstacle that protrudes across tract boundaries. This shall include removal of tops, whole trees or other debris natural or man made resulting from the harvest operation or prior to harvest.

CONTRACT TERMS: Any sale shall be on the terms of the standard Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Timber Sale Agreement, and shall include the following:

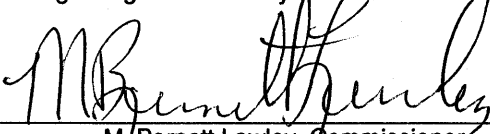
1. The contractor must make provisions for access to the property.
2. The contractor will be required to post security for performance in the amount of \$10,000. The required security may be in the form of a certified check, an irrevocable letter of credit with a bank approved by the State Lands Division, or a surety bond with a company authorized to do business within the State of Alabama.
3. The contractor shall have 12 months from the date of contract execution in which to cut and remove the timber. At the time of contract execution, contractor shall have an option of payment of an additional ten percent (10%) of the bid price to extend the contract for an additional six-month period in which to cut and remove timber. If exercised, the option payment is due at the time of contract execution.
4. The successful bidder (if any) shall be required to pay the cost (approximately \$500.00) of advertising this invitation for bids.

The successful bidder must execute and return the contract to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within ten days following the date of receipt; otherwise, the award may be deemed to have been withdrawn and the deposit forfeited to the State.

All laws of the State of Alabama concerning the sale of timber from state properties shall govern this sale whether or not included in this notice. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin or disability in its hiring practices or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Persons desiring to inspect the timber or further information regarding this sale may contact the State Lands Division, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at (334) 242-3484.


M. Barnett Lawley, Commissioner
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

MARCH 15, 2010